

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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26 APRIL 1963
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1. Jordan

a. Egyptian clandestine broadcasts calling for the "liberation" of Jordan from Husayn are now focusing on the army, particularly the bedouin--who have been handing out some of the roughest treatment to demonstrators. However, the troops--the immediate key to the situation barring the always possible assassination of Husayn--have so far been loyal.

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b. Some Baathist leaders, probably fearing that pro-Nasir sentiment will become overwhelming, are now said to be supporting the regime's efforts to restore order.

c. But enthusiasm for Arab unity is strong and observers feel that, even should the demonstrations end, the scars and the pressures will remain.

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Nasir opined that Husayn

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will probably succeed in controlling the situation "for the time being."

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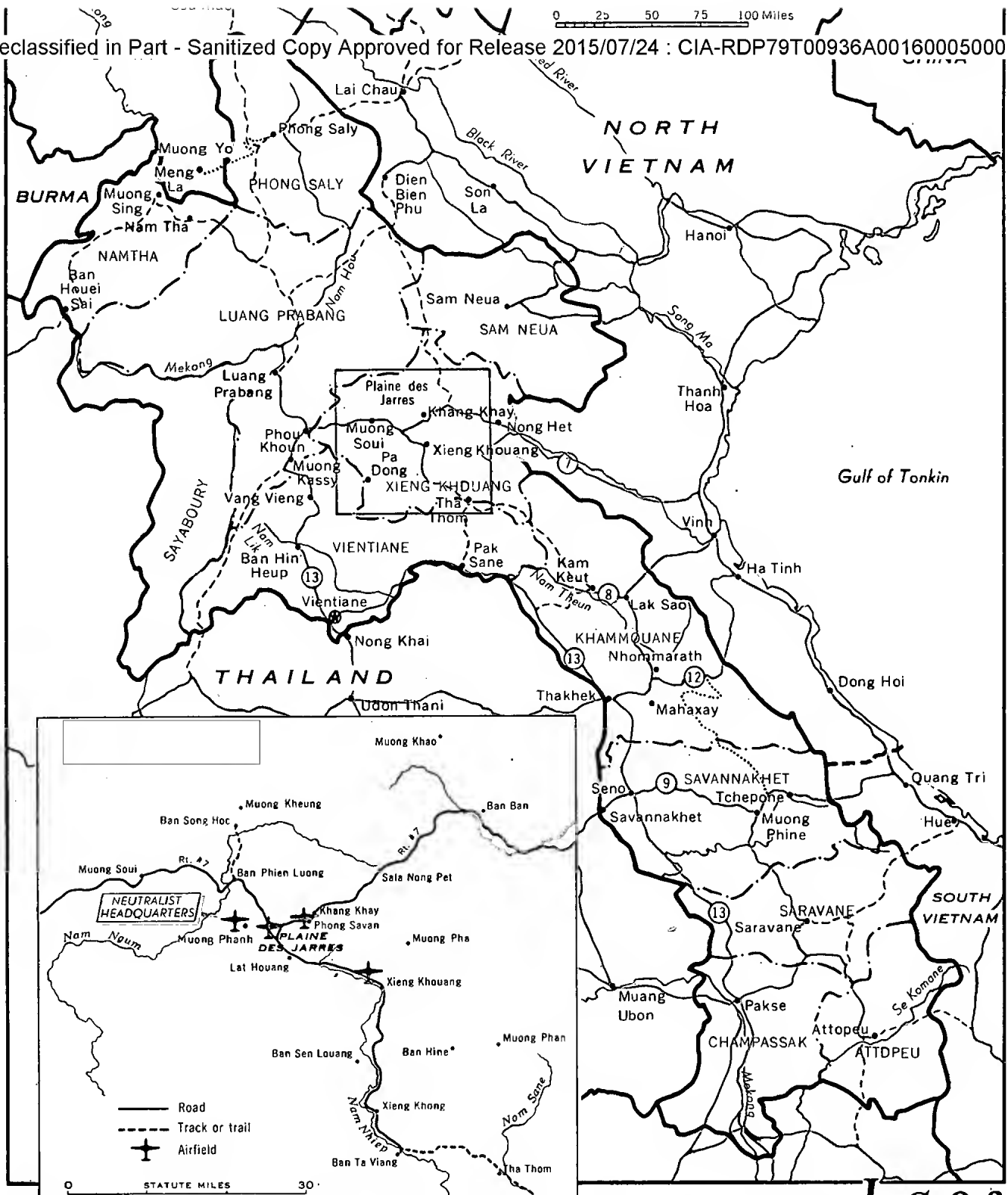
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3. Greece-Turkey

a. A number of Turkish Army and Navy officers have been arrested in what may be a new purge of potential dissidents.

b. In Athens there is fear that Turkish political instability may lead Turkish military elements to such extreme steps as a break in

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relations, military intervention in Cyprus or repression of the Greek minority in Istanbul.

c. We see no indication of this, but the Greek cabinet may meet soon over its Turkish policy.

4. Laos

a. Phoumi is shipping more supplies to Kong Le, along with military weapons specialists to supplement some 700 Lao Army troops already in the Plaine des Jarres.

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c. Kong Le is still preparing for offensive action

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d. The Pathet Lao may be acting to try to nip such moves in the bud--as well as the harassing actions by the Meo. Yesterday, Kong Le's positions in the Plaine des Jarres were put under mortar and artillery fire the better part of the day.

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Ambassador Unger speaks of a reported Pathet Lao attack in battalion strength in the south--so far unconfirmed.

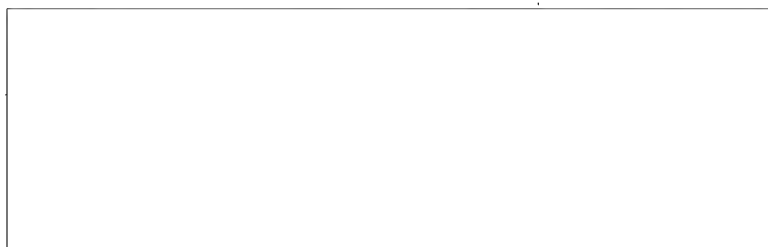
f. The Pathet Lao, well informed, are broadcasting fairly specific charges about Phoumi's collaboration with the "reactionary neutralists."

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Ambassador Unger has nonetheless urged the "greatest discretion" in his communications as well as his statements.

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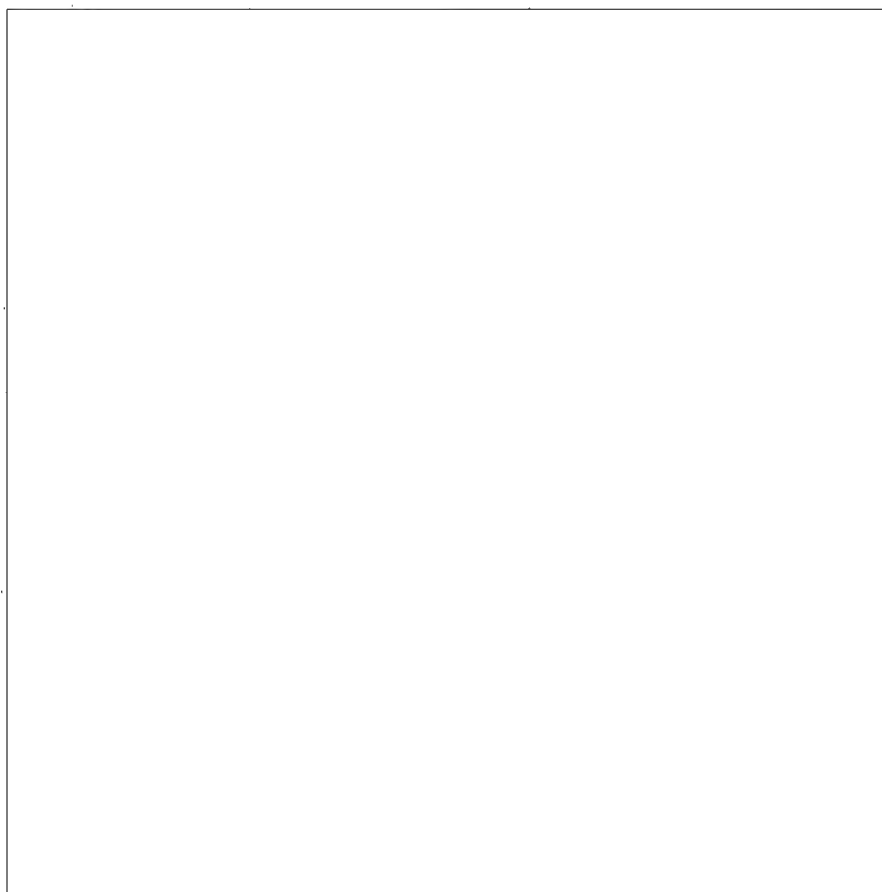


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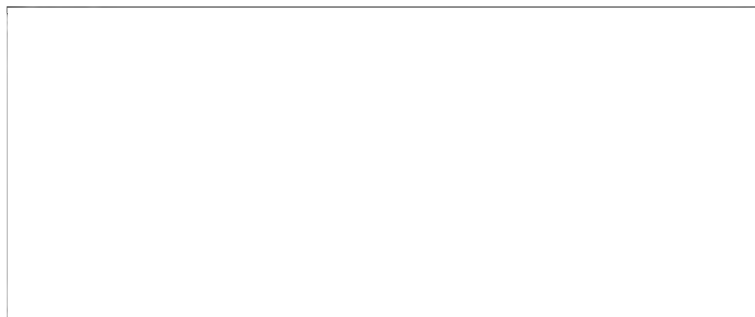
d. The preliminary scan of 25 April photography shows no apparent change at Holguin and Remedios. A detailed interpretation of the two remaining armored camps was prevented by heavy cloud cover. Good photography of 24 April shows no significant change at major Soviet or Cuban installations.

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C. Somali Republic Prime Minister Abdirascid intends to visit Communist China within a few months. He doubts the West will provide all the arms the Somalis want

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F. Guatemala The army still has not suppressed the small-scale guerrilla activity in the east and may be in for a prolonged campaign.

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G. Bolivia President Paz could reverse his decision to postpone his trip to the US. We have heard [redacted] that Vice President Lechin has decided that--at least for the time being--his chances in an all-out political fight with Paz would be poor; Lechin is now saying he will return to his ambassadorial post in Rome before 1 May.

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H. Berlin Paying heed to Allied "reservations," Bundestag President Gerstenmaier has called off the Bundestag session planned for Berlin in late May. The West Berlin press is unhappy over the Allied action--"a deplorable retrograde step." The US Mission in Berlin says it has not noted such widespread criticism of Allied tactics since before Cuba.

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- I. Berlin This morning a Soviet jet fighter flew several times to within 500 yards of two US helicopters, one over East Berlin and one over West Berlin near the sector border. The Soviets usually only complain bitterly about the helicopters. This is the first time we can recall their being "buzzed."